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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

MERRILL LYNCH BUSINESS FINANCIAL
SERVICES, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

ARTHUR KUPPERMAN, E. ROSS BROWNE,
PAULETTE KRELMAN, PGB
INTERNATIONAL, LLC, and JPMORGAN
CHASE BANK, N.A.,

Defendants,

and

JOHN DOES (1-10) and ABC CORPORATIONS
(1-10),

Additionally Defendants
on the Crossclaim.

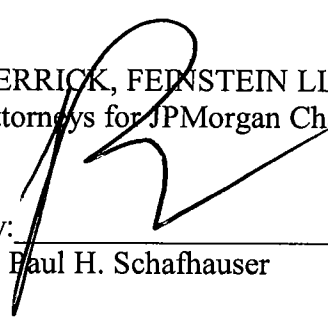
CIVIL ACTION

Civil Action No. 06-4802 (DMC)

RULE 7.1 STATEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and to enable Judges and Magistrate Judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel of record for JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., certifies that JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. is a wholly owned banking affiliate of JPMorgan Chase & Co. and there is no publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more of its stock.

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